First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti

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No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.

March 29, 2015 10:00 am

Palm Sunday

An open and affirming community committed to peace and justice

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP & LIFE TOGETHER: We invite you to participate in this community of faith. If you are a visitor for the first time, please fill out the welcome pad being passed around. We invite you to join us for Friendship Time (refreshments and conversation) at the conclusion of worship.

WE WELCOME CHILDREN so that they may come to understand the worship experience. Families are encouraged to talk about the parts of worship so children may understand and participate. During the worship service we have a time for children with the minister on the rug in the center of the worship space followed by Sunday school (September-May).

Hymns are found in the following books:
NCH *(Black, hardcover "New Century Hymnal")*
Sing! *(Black, softcover, "Sing! Prayer and Praise" songbook)*
ES *(Green, softcover "Everflowing Streams" songbook)*

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Invitation

All people are welcome to participate in this community of faith
If you have questions about becoming a member of this church, please speak with the Pastor or any member of the Community.

Prelude Steve McGhee

***Gathering Hymn** **"Mantos y Ramos"** **214 NCH** - Steve McGhee

Welcome Kelsie Molter

Guests, please complete a Visitor Card and place in the offering plate so we may have a record of your visit.
We hope you will join us for Friendship Time and refreshments after the service.

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

***Please rise in body or spirit as you are able**

Announcements Kelsie Molter

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Ringing the Bell

***Hymn** **"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"** **216 NCH**

Lenten Candles

Meditation - Week One Carol Hall

Unison Prayer

Loving God, as we journey through this holy season of Lent, give us strength and courage to make the changes that are needed in our lives. Open our hearts and minds to your steadfast presence and help us to put our trust in you. Amen.

Anthem **"Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies"** FCC Choir

LISTENING FOR GOD

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a Kelsie Molter

Hymn **"Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child"** **136 NCH**

Children's Time *children are invited to come forward* Carol Hall

New Testament Reading Mark 11:1-11 Carol Hall

Reflection **"Open My Ears"** Carol Hall

***Hymn** **"We Have This Ministry"** **47 ES**

CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

Prayers of the People Carol Hall

All are invited to offer a prayer, testimony, praise report or prayer request at this time. Please limit your sharing to one or two sentences and remember confidentiality issues.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Unison) -- Traditional Version Carol Hall

When we say the Lord's Prayer, please feel free to follow the traditional form or use language that feels comfortable to you, e.g. Mother, Creator, God, Friend, or Realm, Kindom, Wisdom.

Offering this prayer in unison brings us together and the words illustrate our common journey

Our Father and Mother
Who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done
on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.

RESPONDING TO OUR CALLING

Invitation to the Offering (Unison) Kelsie Molter

Many people journey with us in this world Lord. They are often unaware of the smallest kindnesses or interest in them or their lives. Help us to see these people on our path and reach out in love as we were taught by your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Offertory Steve McGhee

***Doxology** **"Take My Gifts"** **562 NCH**

Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me,
Gave me light and food and shelter, Gave me life and set me free,
Now because your love has touched me, I have love to give away,
Now the bread of love is rising, Loaves of love to multiply!

Prayer of Dedication** ***(Unison) Carol Hall

God of goodness, you have given us many blessings. Let us use these blessings to increase our ability to bring justice and love into this world. Bless these gifts that we have shared to this, our work together. Amen.

COMMUNING WITH GOD

***Hymn of Blessing** **"Lord, You Are Welcome"** **31 SING**

Communion Service Carol Hall

Communion will be served by intinction in our chairs.
All are Welcome at the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving Carol Hall

DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

***Hymn of Departure** **"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna** **213 NCH**

***Benediction** Carol Hall

One Go forth with this truth lodged firmly in your heart:
There is nothing you can do or say that will separate you from the love of God.

Many **In Christ we see the power of God's transforming love;**
The love that was in Christ in is the same love that is in us today.

One In every moment of our lives, God knows who we are,
And with patience and love, offers us what we need.

Many **Like Christ, we will open ourselves to God's presence;**
We will place our lives in God's care;
We will follow Christ in the pursuit of compassion, justice, and peace.

Postlude Steve McGhee

(Please be seated for the Postlude)

Passing the Peace *Share a greeting with your neighbor as we transition to our snack.*

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God is still speaking,
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Our Volunteers	Today: March 29th	Next Sunday: April 5th
Usher	Wayne Burling	Marty Kleino
Preaching	Carol Hall	Carol Hall
Worship Leader	Kelsie Molter	Wayne Burling
Worship Set-up	Glenda Horvath	Donna Eyster
Acolyte	Lyle Molter	Desayre Penn
Friendship Time	Carol & Caroline	Easter Breakfast
Sunday School	Glenda Horvath	Melanie Harner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS: Easter flower orders need to be given to Margaret Harner today so that they can be included in the order. Order forms are available on the hall table.

CHOIR REHEARSALS: Choir rehearsal this week will be Tuesday at 6:30 PM Come, join the fun and try it out. We have a great time. Don't need to read music or have trained voice.

PASTORAL CARE EMERGENCIES: If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Glenda Horvath, 734-904-0420

CONGREGATIONAL CARE: Kindly remember in your prayers our members and friends who are sick and/or shut-in. Send a card or note to lift their spirits and yours as well.

Fran Pebbles' address: *American Homes Carpenter, 3470 Carpenter Rd., Apt 332, Ypsilanti, MI 48197. Phone: 734-975-0987*

Sally Dusbiber's *address'*: *Silver Maples of Chelsea, Room 1211, 100 Silver Maples Dr., Chelsea, MI 48118. Sally's direct phone line is 734-433-2396 and the Silver Maples line is 734-475-4111, x217.*

IMMIGRATION MINISTRY (WICIR): For information about what's happening with Immigrant Rights and ***Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights***, or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Margaret Harner at 734-483-3464 or through their Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/WICIR .

MICHIGAN OPEN & AFFIRMING COALITION: For information about what's happening with **Michigan Open and Affirming Coalition,** or if you are interested in joining us, please contact Wayne Burling (wburling@gmail.com) or at 734-377-0696. More information can be found on their website http://www.mi-ona.org or on facebook at https://www.facebook.com/groups/onami/

WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION: "First Congregational is a co-founding institution of the new local "organization of organizations" **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition).** In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. The diverse faith congregations and labor and community organizations that make up WeROC are, at our core, focused on intentionally reweaving the frayed fabric of community -- at a time when forces are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated and on our own. We are showing by example that people from many backgrounds and perspectives can, even today, come together in powerful ways around our common values and *actually change* unjust public policies. WeROC is a part of the S.E. Michigan organization MOSES and the national Gamaliel Foundation.
See Tad Wysor (tadwysor@gmail.com, 734 883 3225) for more on how First Congregational is connecting with current WeROC issues and actions.

OUR WEBSITE: http://www.ypsiucc.org Let Wayne know if you have any additional items to be added. He could use lots more pictures. Also check out and like our Facebook page. https://www.facebook.com/pages/First-Congregational-United-Church-of-Christ-Ypsilanti/115695119913 .

KROGER FUNDRAISER: HAVE YOU *RE-REGISTERED* WITH KROGER!! Everybody that shops at Kroger and has a shopper's card ***MUST*** register. ***Last Year's registration expired May 1st*** and you are not getting credit for you purchases until you re-register for the current year.

Go to www.kroger.com and click "**REGISTER**". Follow prompts to register your frequent shopper card number. Then link to the **Community Rewards** site and register with our church. Our number is **83263**, or you can find our name in drop down list. Any questions contact Barbara Garland, bargarland@yahoo.com, 734-662-5803.